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Dear Examiner Nguyen

Attached please find courtesy copies of the Response to Notice of Allowability – Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance and Fee(s) Transmittal Form PTOL-85 regarding the above-referenced Patent Application.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

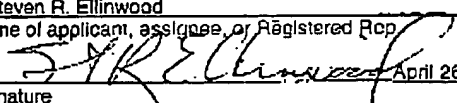


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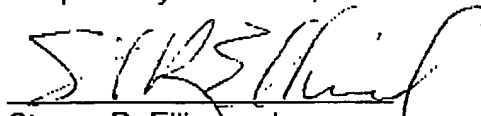
Applicants respectfully submit this Response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on January 26, 2005. Applicants' Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance are set forth on page 2 of this Response.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicants appreciate Examiner's review and allowance of claims 1 through 21 as amended by Applicants in their Response and Amendment submitted herein dated November 4, 2004. Claims 1, as allowed, was amended in part to limit the *pH range to between about 3.5 and 4.6*. However, in the first paragraph on page 2 of the Reasons for Allowance the Examiner states: "The primary reason (sic) allowance is the inclusion of *pH between about 3.5 and 3.6*. Table 1 and Figure 1 show unexpected results from this restricted range." Noting the discrepancy between the amended pH range as allowed in claim 1 and the much narrower pH range cited by the Examiner in the Statement Reasons for Allowance, Applicants placed a telephone call to the Examiner on March 10, 2005 to discuss the discrepancy and request that the Examiner file an amended Statement of Reasons for Allowance correcting what appeared to Applicants to be a typographical error. The Examiner reviewed the file during the telephone conference and agreed with Applicants that the pH range of 3.5 to 3.6 referenced in the statement of Reasons for Allowance was incorrect and that the pH range of 3.5 to 4.6 in claim 1 as amended was adequately supported in the specification, in particular, in Figure 1.

Applicants respectfully request that the above Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance be incorporated into the application file wrapper.

Respectfully submitted,



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